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A.M. Best Affirms Ratings of Mercury Casualty Group and Mercury General Corporation

Ratings Supplement

The financial strength ratings of A+ (Superior) have been affirmed with a stable outlook for Mercury Casualty Group and its following members:

- **Mercury Casualty Company**
- **Mercury Insurance Company**
- **California Automobile Insurance Company**
- **Mercury Indemnity Company of Georgia**
- **Mercury Insurance Company of Georgia**
- **Mercury Insurance Company of Illinois**
- **Mercury National Insurance Company**
- **Mercury Insurance Company of Florida**

The financial strength ratings of A- (Excellent) have been affirmed with a positive outlook for American Mercury Insurance Group and its following members:

- **American Mercury Insurance Company**
- **American Mercury Lloyds Insurance Company**

The financial strength rating has been downgraded to A- (Excellent) from A+ (Superior) with a positive outlook for **Mercury County Mutual Insurance Company** to reflect its transfer to American Mercury Insurance Group from Mercury Casualty Group.

The following debt rating has been affirmed with a stable outlook:

Mercury General Corporation—

-- "a-" on \$125 million 7.250% senior notes, due 2011

The following indicative rating on securities available under the \$300 million shelf

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registration, of which \$175 million remains, has been affirmed with a stable outlook:

Mercury General Corporation—

-- “a-” on senior debt

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